

Fifth-Wheel Trailers Exceeding Size Limitations

Clarification

A fifth-wheel trailer can be a camp trailer or trailer coach, depending on the dimensions of the vehicle.

Procedures

When submitting a registration application for a camp trailer or trailer coach:

- The Application for Registration of New Vehicle (REG 397), the Application for Title or Registration (REG 343), and the Verification of Vehicle (REG 31) forms **must** include the length and width in inches.
- Use the following chart to determine the type of registration required:

<i>If the vehicle size is...</i>	<i>then it is a...</i>	<i>and it is...</i>
not exceeding 16 feet (192 inches) in overall length from the foremost point of the trailer hitch to the rear extremity of the trailer body, or 8 feet (96 inches) in width,	camp trailer NOTE: All tent trailers, regardless of length, are camp trailers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• registered by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).• registered under the permanent trailer identification (PTI) program.
not exceeding 40 feet (480 inches) in overall length from the foremost point of the trailer hitch to the rear extremity of the trailer body, or 8 ½ feet (102 inches) in width,	trailer coach NOTE: A motorhome is not a trailer: it is self-propelled and has different size limitations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• registered by DMV.• assigned a body type code of CCH.• not registered under the PTI program.
exceeding 40 feet (480 inches) in overall length from the foremost point of the trailer hitch to the rear extremity of the trailer body, or 8 ½ feet (102 inches) in width,	mobile home NOTE: Trailer coaches and fifth-wheel trailers exceeding size limitations are mobile homes.	registered by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) who can be contacted at www.hcd.ca.gov or 1-800-952-8356.

Background


Some fifth-wheel trailers that exceed size limitations were incorrectly registered.

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